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- 1. AS NOTED REF B, CAPTAIN OF EAGLE VOYAGER, SHIPPING COMPANY, AND HENDRIX HIMSELF ARE VERY ANXIOUS TO EFFECT RETURN OF HENDRIX TO NEW YORK. EMBASSY SHARES CONCERN THAT CONTINUED CONFINEMENT ABOARD SHIP DURING LONG STAY AT POTI IS LIABLE TO PROVOKE FURTHER INCIDENT CAUSED BY HENDRIX OR SHIPMATES. ALSO, WE CANNOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES MIGHT REACH DECISION TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION.
- 2. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE AND IN VIEW OF INFORMATION ABOUT ATTITUDE OF HENDRIX AND HIS APPARENT REGARD AND RESPECT FOR CHIEF MATE AND CAPTAIN THOMAS, EMBASSY IS NOW PREPARED TO ENDEAVOR TO FACILITIATE HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK ESCORTED BY CHIEF MATE OR CAPTAIN THOMAS. CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION WOULD ACCOMPANY THEM FROM POTI TO MOSCOW'S SHEREMETEVO AIRPORT.
- 3. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO INITIATE ABOVE EFFORT IMMEDIATELY, WHETHER OR NOT QUESTIONS OF WARRANT AND DISPATCH OF U.S. MARSHALL HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. PLEASE ADVISE.

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